



Local Adaptation Planning and the General Plan Guidelines



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2017

General Plan Guidelines

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General Plan Guidelines (2017 Update)

General Plan Guidelines updated last in 2003.

Since then:

- SB 1000- Environmental Justice
- SB 379- Climate Change Adaptation
- SB 375- Sustainable communities strategies
- AB1358 – Complete Streets
- SB 5- Flood management
- SB 743-Vehicle Miles Traveled
- SB 244- Island or fringe communities
- AB 52- Tribal consultation
- AB 2140- Local hazard mitigation plans
- Many more!!

Required Elements

- Land use
- Circulation
- Housing
- Conservation
- Open Space
- Noise
- Safety
- Environmental Justice
- Air Quality

New Chapters

- Public Engagement
- Healthy communities
- Climate Change
- Economic Development
- Social Equity/Resilience



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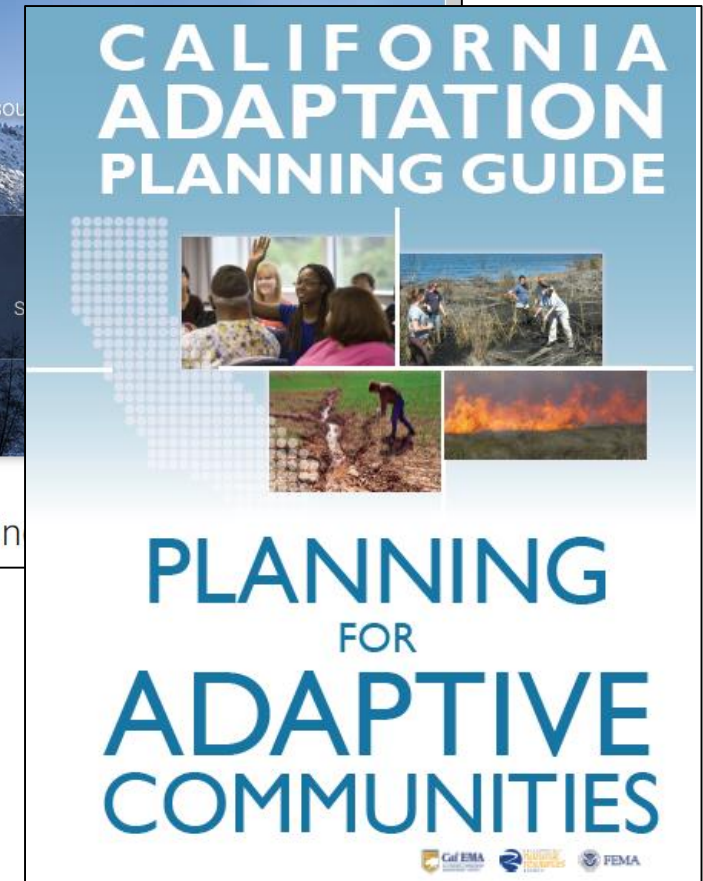
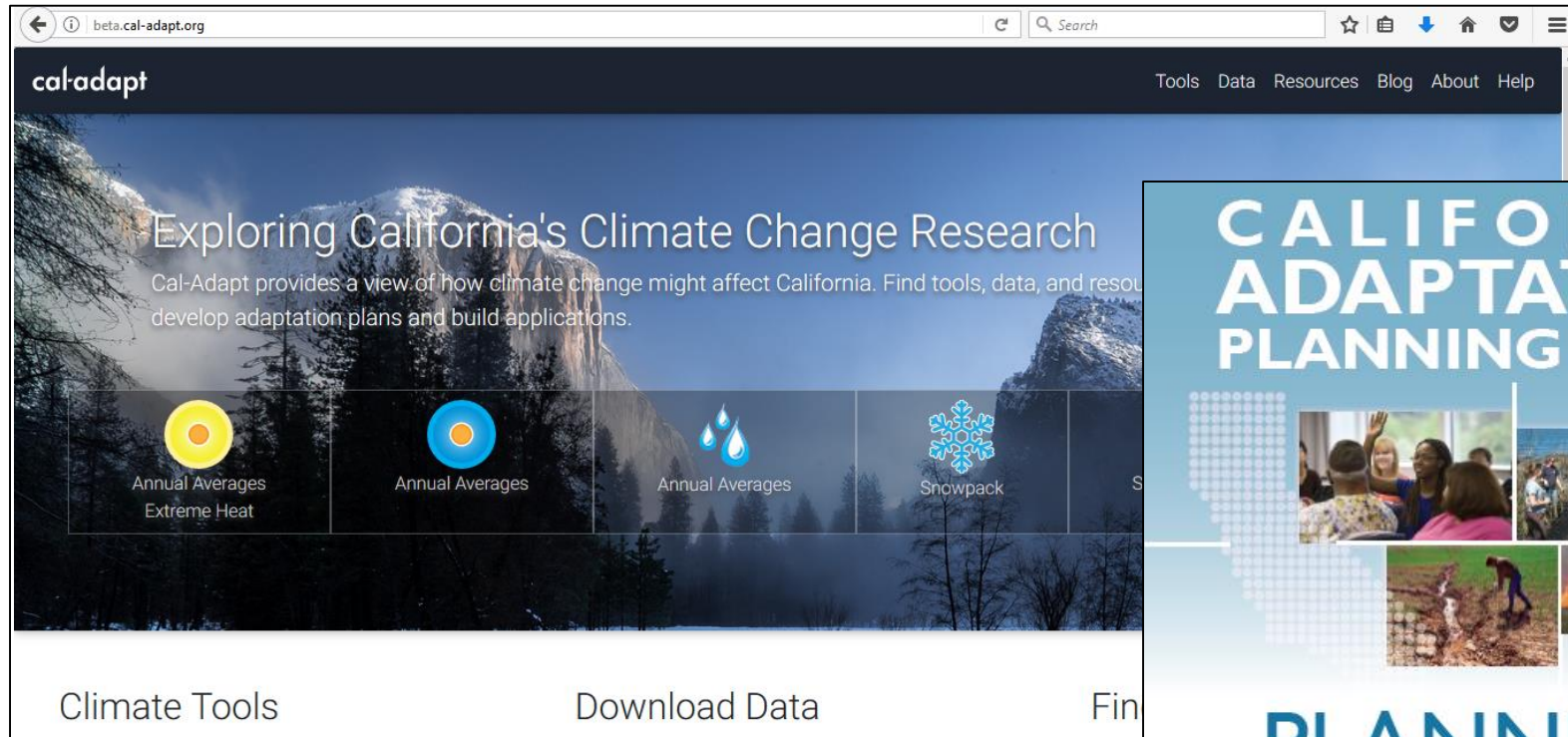


Safety Element - Adaptation

- Climate change adaptation is now required in Safety Elements
 - Safety element is the statutory “home”
 - Supports incorporation in to other areas
 - Encourages cross-linkages and co-benefits
- Some distinct actions:
 - Review existing plans (gap analysis)
 - Assess community vulnerability
 - Create a set of goals, policies and objectives
 - Create a set of “feasible” implementation measures
 - Implement measures
- Timeline considerations:
 - Update at the next LHMP update OR by 1/2022 if no LHMP;
 - Using an adaptation plan, climate action plan or general plan;
 - Suggestion to use the Housing Element to align updates (like fire and flood);
 - Leverage State funding opportunities.



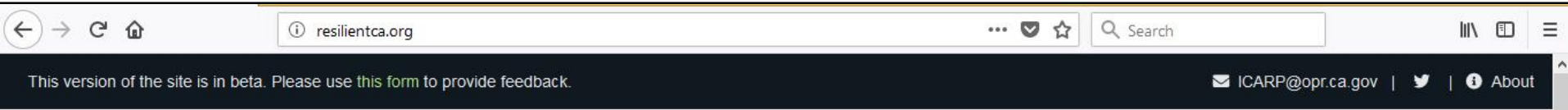
Cal-Adapt.org and the Adaptation Planning Guide





Adaptation Clearinghouse

www.resilientca.org



ResilientCA.org

SEARCH TOPICS MAP TOOLS CASE STUDIES CLIMATE STORIES



Clearinghouse Resources

FEATURED LATEST ADDITIONS MOST VIEWED



Next Steps

- Focused workshops and technical assistance on request;
- Collection of case studies – ICARP Adaptation Clearinghouse;
- Partnership with CivicSpark, ARCCA, others to pilot plans, policies, and programs;
- Integration of GP requirements into base requirements for grants and funding from the State;
- Ongoing improvement in data, guidance, and alignment;
- Update to the Adaptation Planning Guide;
- Ongoing updates to Cal-Adapt.org and ongoing research;
- Contact Michael.McCormick@opr.ca.gov for more information.